

**Thursday, December 14, 2023 E-Bulletin**



**Bear Calendar**

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| December 15                 | Fri  |   |
| December 18                 | Mon  | Lost and Found available after school - <i>please have a look!</i>  |
| December 19                 | Tues |   |
| December 20                 | Wed  | <b>Primary Snack Program:</b> whole banana & cheese string<br>Last day of Sportball   |
| December 21                 | Thur | <b>Winter Concert, 1:10 and 5:30.</b> Maximum of 2 Tickets purchased per Family. Information below.<br><b>Last day of Hotlunch &amp; Farsi Class After school</b> |
| December 22                 | Fri  | Last day of school - Winter Break starts! <b>12:10 pm Dismissal</b><br>Term 1 Learning Updates are Posted   |
| <b>Future Dates to Note</b> |      |   |
| January 8                   | Mon  | School Reopens!   |
| January 11                  | Thur | Rockridge Information Night for Incoming Grade 8 students & families  |
| January 8-12                |      | K-5 Field Hockey Sessions   |
| January 15                  | Mon  | Wear Black for Black Excellence Day   |
| January 19                  | Fri  | Rockridge Band & Choir will Perform in our Den at 1:15 pm   |
| January 24                  | Wed  | Caught Being the Bear Draw  |
| January 25                  | Thur | CPAC Movie Night  |
| January 29                  | Mon  | <b>Pro-D Day - no school in session</b>   |

[2023/2024 iDEC School Calendar](#)

**Learning at iDEC**

Hello Families,

It's been a busy few days here at iDEC, but we are so proud of all that we have accomplished. Our Whole School Inquiry is an ongoing success. At our launch, students in every classroom were working together, laughing, and talking about leadership, community, and inclusion. This is how a strong community is built and fortified. We continue this work in classrooms throughout December.

Our Santa Sale was a hit! This year, with the help of CPAC and our wonderful parent volunteers, the Santa Sale raised \$2132.00 for the Harvest Project. Our Local Initiatives Club and Ms. Lefeaux are also continuing to raise money for the Harvest Project by raffling off four candy wreaths. Students can bring any amount to donate and their teacher will collect their names for the raffle.

This year our Grade 7 students showed what empathic and responsible leaders they are by sponsoring a family of 4 for Christmas through the North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau. They found creative ways to earn money that was used to buy special gifts for a mom, her two older children and her one younger son. Over all, our students raised \$2800.00 for this family that hasn't celebrated Christmas for over 2 years. Good job at being strong leaders in our community.

Our Winter Concert Performances are on December 21st. We are hosting an afternoon and evening performance. Tickets are available in School Cash (link is below). Please remember that the students should not be dropped off before 5:00 for the evening performance, as classrooms will not be ready to welcome them. After the show students can be picked up from their classrooms - we will not be doing a student release at the roundabout.

Here is your [iDEC news](#) for November and December!

-Nathan



**Learning Updates**

As we approach the winter break, we also approach the time in which we share our first formal learning update (report cards), which will be posted to the Family Portal by the end of the day on Friday, December 22nd. We wanted to ensure you were informed of some of the changes that you may notice to previous learning updates as the province adapts the format of our communication to best meet the needs of our learners and families.

**Formal learning updates and summary of learning:** This is the first of two *learning updates* for this school year. These are shared in the first and second term and reflect how students are doing in each term. The term three report is a *summary of learning* which is based on learning from the whole school year. These reports are highly personalized and are written specifically for each learner, they are written in the language of what students can do.

**Informal learning updates:** There are two informal learning conferences each year. One was completed in term one in the form of parent-teacher conferences and one will be completed at the end of term two.

**Proficiency scale:** Although we are continuing to use the proficiency scale, we are using it in a slightly different way. You will notice an overall proficiency for each subject area accompanied by individualized comments on how the learners are doing within the subject. Please ensure you read the individualized comments, and beyond just looking at the proficiency, to best understand how your child is doing. In West Vancouver, PROFICIENT is the goal for most students, this shows a complete understanding and application of the curriculum.

**Curriculum:** The learning updates shared are skill and competency based, for a better understanding of the specific content areas, please refer to the B.C. curriculum, found [here](#)

**Parents as partners:** We value the wonderful partnerships and relationships we have with our parent community here at Caulfeild. To further support this, we continue to include specific ways to support our learners in their learning updates. These may be found either within the specific content areas or in the "Areas for Future Growth and Learning" section of the learning update.

**MyEd:** As in past years, learning updates are available via the [MyEd parent portal](#). Please ensure you can login prior to the posting of the report cards and please reach out to [caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:caulfeild@wvschools.ca) if you have any issues prior to Dec. 22nd.

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**A Guide to Your Child's Learning Update**

**The Provincial Proficiency Scale**

Student reporting in Grades K-9 requires use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale to communicate students' learning in all areas of learning.

| Emerging  | Developing   | Proficient   | Extending   |
|---|--|--|---|
| The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.<br><br>"Emerging" indicates that a student is just beginning to demonstrate learning in relation to the Learning Standards of the curriculum but is not yet doing so consistently.<br><br>Emerging isn't failing. | The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.<br><br>"Developing" indicates that a student is demonstrating learning in relation to the Learning Standards with growing consistency. The student is showing initial understanding but still in the process of developing their competency in relation to the Learning Standards of the curriculum.<br><br>Developing isn't failing. All students will be developing in some areas and specific time points. | The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.<br><br>"Proficient" is the goal for students. It is when a student demonstrates the expected learning in relation to the Learning Standards of the curriculum.<br><br>"Proficient" is not synonymous with perfection. Instead, the student is able to demonstrate their learning consistently or most of the time. | The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.<br><br>"Extending" is not synonymous with perfection. "Extending" is a student demonstrating learning in relation to Learning Standards with increasing depth and complexity.<br><br>"Extending" is not a bonus, or a reward, and does not necessarily require that students do a greater volume of work or work at a higher grade level.<br><br>"Extending" is not the standard for all students. "Proficient" is. Therefore, if a student turns in all their work and demonstrates evidence of learning in all Learning Standards for the given area of learning, they are not automatically assigned "Extending." |

**Winter Concert at Caulfeild- Dec 21st**



On Dec 21st we will be hosting our Winter Concert at Caulfeild iDEC. We will have two performances with the whole student body at 1:10 pm and 5:30 pm. Because we are such a large school, we will need to limit tickets sales to **two tickets per family** in total. That said, one ticket can be for the afternoon and one ticket can be for the evening. Details on booking and class costume expectations will be shared soon Tickets will be \$5 each, with all proceeds going to support the music program at iDEC.

**Ticket Booking Information:** Families can go onto School Cash Online [link](#) to purchase your tickets. Please remember to **limit ticket purchases to two per family**. Tickets will be delivered to students to take home, and we ask that you bring them to the performance. Due to our limitations on space, if families accidentally book more than two tickets, we will not be able to honour them. They will be cancelled and refunded. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for up to 2 more tickets, **or you will not be attending the concert**, please email [Catherine Schier](mailto:Catherine.Schier@caulfeild@wvschools.ca) at [caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:caulfeild@wvschools.ca). If we have unsold tickets when we get closer to showtime, we will begin to contact those families on the waitlist.

**New Emergency Packs**

Thank you to CPAC for providing a new emergency backpack for every learning space at iDEC!



**Information Night for Rockridge Families**

Calling Grade 7 Families! Don't miss out on visiting Rockridge. There's so much to see - save the date!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

FOR OUR ANNUAL

**INFORMATION NIGHT FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

Date: Thursday, January 11th, 2024  
Time: 7pm  
Where: Rockridge Secondary  
5350 Headland Drive, West Vancouver

**Pick up and Drop Off**

Thank you to all the families who help to keep our pick up and drop off as orderly as possible. Just a few reminders to keep in mind when you come through the roundabout.

- Please avoid getting out of your car at the roundabout.
- Please remember not to park in the roundabout at any time.
- Use the Wheelchair accessible spaces only if you are entitled to them, we have families who need them. Even for a quick stop - it's not ok.
- Please avoid idling whenever possible. The few minutes before I start calling names, for example.
- Remember that the pull out on Keith Road is where our Grade 7s are picked up. We have Grade 7 families who need accessible spaces, so leaving the first few spaces open is important for the safety of our kids.

**Call Back for Lates and Absences**

Please remember to either **email us** at [caulfeild@wvschools.ca](mailto:caulfeild@wvschools.ca) or use the call back line (604-981-1205) if your child will be late or absent from school.

# Caulfeild PAC

## CPAC Announcements



### What an amazing first term we had!

- ★ We started the year with a **Welcome Back Tea**, followed by our **Welcome Back BBQ**, and then embraced the Halloween spirit with a fun **Pumpkin Patch** for primary grades.
- ★ Your generous donations made the annual **Community Campaign** a huge success, enabling us to put those dollars to use right away.
- ★ The **Scholastic Book Fair** saw unprecedented book sales and will provide our library with the much-needed funding it needs.
- ★ Just last week we held our beloved **Santa Sale**, a tradition the kids look forward to every year!
- ★ And last but not least our **Hot Lunch, Room Parents, and After-School Activities** have been running smoothly.



To all the parents who volunteered this term - **THANK YOU!** These events and fundraisers wouldn't be a success without you.

We've got a busy rest of the year planned, starting with **Movie Night & Bear Wear Sale** on **January 25th** and **Lunar New Year** on **February 9th**.

### Used Bear Wear Collection

We continue collecting gently used Bear Wear to be sold at the Bear Wear Sale in January. Please send any Bear Wear you no longer need with your kid to school. There will be a collection box in the hallway.

### After-School Programs - Winter Term

We are happy to announce Winter Term after-school programs will start the week of January 15th. The lineup is below, please note we have Basketball split into 2 programs by age. Monday will be for Gr 2-4 and Thursday will be for Gr 5-7 (this was requested by many parents). The Zen Maker Club will be running a longer program this term that will carry over into the spring term. All details and registration info can be found [here](#)

**Mondays** - Chess & Basketball Gr 2-4

**Tuesdays** - Lights Up Theatre

**Wednesdays** - Sportball

**Thursdays** - Farsi & Basketball Gr 5-7

**Friday** - Zen Maker Club

### Connect with Us

**Website:** <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/caulfeild-elementary/parents/>

**Facebook:** CPAC Facebook Group (You need to answer two questions to join this closed group)

**Email:** [capac@wvschools.ca](mailto:capac@wvschools.ca)

## WV Community Corner

### [Let's Play Wheelchair Basketball](#)

At WV rec centre - drop ins welcome!  
Ages 5-12  
All equipment and wheelchairs are provided  
Registration is [here](#)

### [Rec Centre Happenings:](#)

Winter Break camp registrations are now open:  
[LINK](#)  
Browse your recreation activities and programs here: [LINK](#)  
Are you new in West Vancouver? Come, discover and join us: [LINK](#)

### [WV Little League registration is open!](#)

Spring baseball for ages 5-16  
We have girls only programs this year!  
<https://wvll.ca/registration/>



**The Incredible Years**  
Incredible Years™ Parenting Program (IY) for Children Aged 2-7 Years

**HOLLYBURN**  
Family Services

The program will focus on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parent involvement with their children. Click [here](#) for more information.

**When:** Wednesday evenings, January 10 to April 17, 2024

(Note: the program will run during Spring Break, March 18, 2024 to April 1, 2024)

**Time:** 6:15 - 8:15 pm

**Where:** Online through Zoom

**Cost:** Free

**Eligibility:** Residents of the North Shore with children aged 2-7 years old.

Registration: for more info or to be added to the waitlist, please contact Marlae Vermeer (Family Counsellor, Hollyburn Family Services): [mvermeer@hollyburn.ca](mailto:mvermeer@hollyburn.ca)



Is your child entering Kindergarten in September 2024?



## JUST B4

Early Learning Program

Just B4 is a preschool program for 4 year old children who will be entering Kindergarten starting in September 2024.

- Strengthens the early years to Kindergarten transition
- Joyful, play-based opportunities to develop skills essential for living and learning together
- Opportunity to connect with other children and families in the community
- Guided by the BC Early Learning Framework & First Peoples Principles of Learning

Just B4 is geared to children who are **not** currently enrolled in preschool, full-time childcare or other format early learning programs.

For more information and to register please email District VP of Early Learning & Childcare [Laine Anderson](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca) [laine.anderson@wvschools.ca](mailto:Laine.Anderson@wvschools.ca)

**Location:** Properties Family Hub portable at Chartwell Elementary School (1300 Chartwell Drive)

**Program:** 2 afternoons per week (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm) starting in November and running through June

Fee: \$125 per month



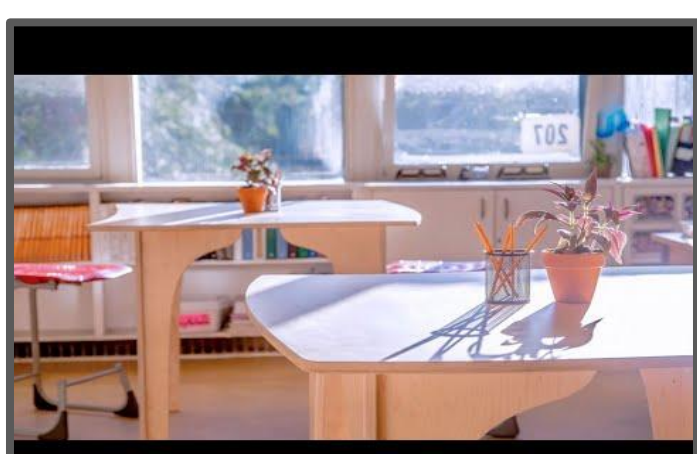
[Click here](#) for the November Newsletter

## Chris Kennedy Superintendent - WV Schools

Get insight into the thoughts and ideas of Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of the West Vancouver School District. Read his latest blog and follow him on Twitter to learn more from the CEO of WV Schools in: <https://cultureofyes.ca/> or <https://twitter.com/chrkenedy>

We would love to have you connect with us and follow our [Caulfeild School Twitter](#) account! Many of our staff are active Twitter users and our [CPAC](#) also uses Twitter regularly.

## Connect With Us



[iDEC Virtual Tour](#)  
[Click Here](#)

Take a virtual tour of Caulfeild iDEC in less than two minutes. Visit our learning spaces on this narrated tour and begin to understand more about our vision for learning. Please share this video with potential new families to help them learn more about All Things iDEC.



[CLICK HERE](#)

The iDEC News is a wonderful way for us to bring you learning stories happening at iDEC as told by our very own students. We are very pleased to share the link to our YouTube channel to access our most recent iDEC News, as well as, past editions since 2019.

### Connect with Caulfeild iDEC

**School Website:** [Caulfeild iDEC Elementary](#)

**Phone:** 604 981-1200

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